

## A SOUND-MONEY LEAGUE

**PETITIONS GO TO THAT END NUMBER—UNDESIGNED.**

**The Opponents of the Chicago Platform Earnestly at Work—Work of the Republicans.**

Not the least move on the political chessboard yesterday was that of the sound-money men who began to put into operation a system for the crystallization of the sentiment against the Chicago platform.

A number of petitions were in circulation and were signed indiscriminately by merchants, bankers, clerks, and workmen generally.

The readiness with which they were signed led to the belief that there was a powerful sentiment in Richmond against the non-restrictive platform which was adopted at the behest of men unimpaired of the true principles of Democracy.

The widespread interest of those who signed was a source of satisfaction to those who directed the petitions, and demonstrated that in all the walks of life and channels of trade and labor the sentiment was equally alive.

**FOR CONGRESS.**

The circulation of the petitions looking to the establishment of a sound-money league revived the discussion of a sound-money Democratic party for Congress in this district, and from the ready acquiescence of those approached leaves but little doubt as to the fact that the views of the sound-money men of this district will be represented in the next Congress.

Of course, Captain George D. Wise would not say that he was going to make the race, for as yet the sound-money men have not determined upon a positive course of action but when the time comes there will be a surprising rally of the business men and those who are not fixed in their views whose only salvation is based upon the security and soundness of our currency.

The matter of a new registration this fall was also extensively discussed and everything the electoral board was commended for its advocacy of one, and upon all sides the sentiment prevailed that a new registration should certainly be held.

**THE CANDIDATES.**

The question of candidates for this district is by no means yet settled one, for while Colonel Elliott is naturally supposed to have the greatest strength, the friends of the other candidates claim that the sentiment that obtained in the Fourth district against other than original silver men is rapidly growing here. They quote Captain Patterson, who insisted that a probationary term must be served before converts since the Chicago convention can hold office under the free-silver movement.

"This is good Methodist doctrine," said Mr. Patterson, "and is good enough for the original silver leaders."

The friends of Colonel Elliott, however, meet these arguments with his interview of last May, in which he advised all of the district Democrats to stand by the Chicago ticket.

The gentlemen who are advocating the candidacy of Mr. George D. Wise did not present their formal request to Mr. Wise yesterday and it is possible that they will not do so until next week.

Mr. Wise spent several hours in Ashland yesterday and upon his return in the late afternoon he was not inclined to discuss the matter.

It is, however, very generally believed that he will yield to the earnest wishes of his friends, many of whom claim that he would come to Richmond with an overwhelming endorsement from the cutting circles and would be very popular here with the "original silver" supporters.

**THERE ARE OTHERS.**

There will doubtless be other candidates from the city of Richmond, and already the names of Colonel John S. Harwood and Mr. Marion Dawson are heard from sources which means votes in solid numbers.

Then, too, Captain Dick Prosser, in discussing the merits of his recent campaign and notwithstanding the fact that he was in the Old Market Hotel meeting at which he spoke, it was the talk of the town, and a pleasant talk, and he used to rise long, long ago when folks were thronging in.

**REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN IN VIRGINIA.**

The National Republican Executive Committee, at its session in New York City yesterday, in conjunction with Hon. George E. Bowden, chairman of the Virginia, and National Committee, at West Virginia, and Hon. S. B. Hays, chairman of the National Executive Committee, having in special charge the Republican party's interest in Virginia, took up and fully considered the situation in the Old Dominion, and after that a committee was appointed to appoint a committee composed of National-Committee men, Bowden, Colonel William Lamb, State Chairman, Congressman James A. Walker, Col. James D. Brady, and Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr., to have full control and management of the campaign in Virginia, and to report to the party in the presidential campaign.

This committee, it is understood, will immediately organize for active work, to the end that the greatest possible vote for McKinley and Hobart may be polled. It is understood that the committee will give to the legislative Executive Committee and the selection of the committee of prominent and experienced Republican politicians in Virginia, representing every element of the party, that a vigorous and determined effort on the part of the Republicans is to be made to carry the State.

**JUDGE WADDILL, ON THE SITUATION.**

Judge Waddill, whom it will be observed is one of the committee in charge of the Virginia campaign, was seen at his office yesterday by a Times reporter, and in answer to an inquiry as to the situation, said that it was true that he had been in New York for the last two days, and that the action, as above outlined, was taken by the national committee in reference to the Virginia campaign, and that a campaign looking to the election of McKinley and Hobart was to be made in the State, and he thought with every reasonable chance of success.

"Indeed," said he, "it is hardly possible to believe that Virginia would vote for Bryan."

In answer to what, in his judgment, would be the policy of the campaign, the chief issues to be relied on, and the probable danger of the revival of force-bill comments, the Judge said that this talk of force-bill was the uttermost nonsense.

"But this was a campaign of the present

## THE COUNT OF THE DEAD

**OF FORTY-SEVEN VICTIMS FORTY-TWO WERE KILLED OUTRIGHT.**

**The Responsibility Probably Rests with the Dead Engineer—The Signal Man Under Arrest.**

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 31.—As a result of the terrible collision last evening, forty-seven people are dead and forty-four are lying in the hospital here, more or less seriously hurt. Of the injured in the hospital several are expected to die. Beside those seriously enough hurt to be in the hospital a score or more were bruised and shaken up and would not be counted as victims.

The fearful shock of the collision is illustrated in the fact that of the forty-seven dead, forty-two were killed outright. Of the dead, forty-two have been identified and the bodies of three women, one man and a boy are lying at the undertakers' shops awaiting claimants. The responsibility for the accident is hard to place at this time, but the burden of it seems to rest upon the dead engineer of the Reading train, Edward Farr, though an official investigation may clear his name.

The coroner's jury viewed the bodies this morning and they were all taken away to-day except those unidentified. The Pennsylvania railroad furnished a special train which took away twenty-three bodies this afternoon to Brighton.

The bodies of the identified dead were taken away on other trains during the day.

**A BUSY MAN.**

Coroner William M. McLaughlin has been the busiest man in all Atlantic City to-day. Immediately upon hearing of the accident he went into the block and questioned George H. Houser, who told him that he had seen the train. He had time to cross the tracks of the Reading before the express got there, and set "clear" signal for the West Jersey train. When the "clear" signal is set on the Pennsylvania train this automatically sets the danger signal on the Reading train.

The signal on the Reading tracks, still set on "danger," Houser was put under arrest by the coroner.

Houser certainly set the danger signal for the Reading train when he gave the "clear" signal for the West Jersey train. The question is, did he set it, or did he become excited when he saw a collision imminent and set it too late.

**AN EXPERIENCED ENGINEER.**

Farr was an experienced engineer, and it seems incredible that he should have been so badly off. He was being approached by a train he could clearly see.

Farr's body was pinned fast under his engine with his face in plain view of the wrecking force all night. Not until this morning were they able to remove the engine and drag the crushed body from the wreckage.

It was placed in a box and taken to Farr's home here.

It was reported last night when Mrs. Farr heard of her husband's death, she fell down. This was not so. She fell into a swoon, and tonight is lying in a serious condition from the shock she got.

**THE ATLANTIC CITY DISASTER.**

Forty-three Are Dead and Six Will Hardly Survive—Responsibility Not Fixed.

PHILADELPHIA, July 31.—Advices from Atlantic City this morning, place the toll of the disaster at forty-three dead, and six who are so badly injured that they will hardly survive.

There are no developments regarding the responsibility for the disaster, but it seems to have resulted from the failure of Engineer Farr, or the Reading train, to obey the signal at Block Station which is generally supposed to have been set for "danger."

Engineer Kriner, of West Jersey, says that as he neared the crossing he saw the Reading train approaching from the opposite direction. The Reading train was coming from the west, and it seemed to him that both trains were racing. Signals at the block houses were open for him to go on, and knowing that if such be the case, the block must be against the Reading train, he expected it to stop. Before he realized it he saw a collision was inevitable, and he was about to jump at the point where the Reading engine was stuck, but he took a desperate chance and ran into it.

PHILADELPHIA, N. J., July 31.—The work of searching for the dead at the scene of last evening's railroad catastrophe was continued all through the night and this morning. With the exception of the body of Engineer Farr, which was recovered last night, the bodies of the other victims were recovered from the wreckage.

The engineer had met instant death at his post of duty, and in the collision had become wedged under his engine, a crowd of people gathered around him, and he was taken to the hospital in a manner which resulted in all attempts to release him last night.

The coroner this morning announced that forty-three persons were killed, six others, now in hospitals here, will likely die from their injuries.

It is learned that Fireman Thomas O'Hallahan, of the Reading, was not killed as at first announced, but that he saved his life by jumping from the engine when he saw that a collision was inevitable.

Nothing is being done to locate the whereabouts of the injured. Many of the injured, however, have been taken to their homes at Bridgeton, Salem, and other points in Cumberland county.

This morning the dead were all gathered at the old Swan House, which was used as a temporary morgue. The bodies were laid out in rows, and the big dancing hall of the pavilion in rows. It was a horrible sight. Corpses were in all conditions of mutilation. There were headless, armless, and legless trunks, and in some instances were crushed out of all semblance of recognition. There were thirty-seven bodies on view. Morning through the horrible mass were streams of people, some curious, but the majority with anxiety pictured on their faces or weeping while looking for lost loved ones or friends.

**WALK COULD HAVE PREVENTED IT.**

CAMDEN, N. J., July 31.—Station Master John E. Houser, of the West Jersey and Cape May road, says that he was in the vicinity of the accident, and that he saw the signal man, Edward Farr, of the Reading train, pass the signals all against him before the train crashed into the West Jersey train.

The first signal was set for "danger" and it was known as the danger signal. Then he saw a train coming, and finally the block signal at the crossing.

Engineer Griner, of the excursion train, told Houser that he had stopped before reaching the crossing and blew his whistle to get the operator to give him the danger signal. He got a clear signal and started. He could not see the signal on the West Jersey train, but he saw a cloud of dust indicating its approach.

Farr had ample time to stop. His train, but made no effort. It is also rumored that there was some one in the train who talked to Farr at the time of the accident, but this could not be confirmed.

**TREASURY BELLE.**

WASHINGTON, July 31.—The Treasury deficit for July, as will be shown in the official statement to be issued to-morrow, will be in round figures, \$1,000,000.

Receipts for July have been \$20,000,000 and the expenditures \$21,000,000.

## HARRY OUT OF POLITICS.

**He Makes a Statement of His Willingness to Withdraw from the Chairmanship of the Democratic State Committee.**

PHILADELPHIA, PA., July 31.—William F. Harry, until recently the chairman of the Democratic State Committee, has retired from active politics. In answer to inquiries from the subject, Mr. Harry made the following statement:

"It is true that I have determined to withdraw from active participation in political affairs. For several years past I have been accorded some prominence in the management in the leadership of the Democratic party but I desire to take my place in the ranks in so far as I may have duties to perform as the Democratic member of the Democratic National Committee."

"In taking this step I wish to explain my warm appreciation of the personal and political friendship and support which I have enjoyed during my political career. I have no regret for my decision, and nothing but gratitude for my friends, and no man ever had warmer or more loyal and devoted friends than I have had. These friends I still hope to retain, even though I have withdrawn from political associations with them, and if I am called upon to take any part in the management of the party, I will be my pleasure to respond to their calls or demands."

"I shall," said Mr. Harry, "continue to take a general interest in politics, but I shall absolutely refrain from any participation whatever in matters relating to party organization and management. I have given much of my time and a good deal of my energies to political matters since 1892, when I first began to take an active part in politics. I have now concluded to take a rest from politics, and to devote all my time to my duties as a member of the National Committee of the Democratic National Committee."

Mr. Harry's declaration is understood by his friends to mean that he will give no attention to the work of State or county conventions, or of State or county committees. They now regard Mr. Harry as entirely "out of politics," although the prediction is made by some of them that they will not be surprised to see him appear again in national politics after a few years' retirement.

**A FINE FISCAL.**

Providence Forge Baseball Team Defeat a New Kent Team.

CHARLES CITY, VA., July 31.—A picnic was given at Providence Forge to-day, under the auspices of Mrs. T. L. Walker, of Roxbury, Va.

The gathering included the beauty and elegance of the old counties of Charles City and New Kent.

A sumptuous dinner was spread, and dancing was enjoyed.

Mr. S. S. Hoggan lost his oldest son this morning by death.

A game of billiards was played at Providence Forge to-day, between the C. H. and Cross Roads, of New Kent, which resulted in a victory by 16 to 10 for New Kent. Many persons were present to witness the game.

**THE TOWN OF CREWE.**

Citizens Must Pay the Penalty of Stock Running at Large.

CREWE, VA., July 31.—For some time past the silence which prevailed in the town of Crewe, in the county of Stafford, England, has been broken by the sound of the streets of Crewe has been violated, and several citizens' stock were required to appear before the mayor this evening at a dock, to answer the charge brought against them.

The delegates to the Concord Baptist Association returned home to-day.

Miss Carrie Elliott has gone to Windsor to visit Miss Mary Gray.

Miss Mollie Fitt left with the excursion train yesterday to visit friends in Petersburg.

**MONEY DIRECT TO THE PEOPLE.**

This Is the Modest Demand Made by Short and Harmonious Section of the Populist Party.

SEDLIA, VA., July 31.—The indications for a short and harmonious section of the Populist Party Convention entirely disappeared when they assembled at A. M. to-day, as all the delegates wanted to talk at once. The platform adopted was substantially as it came from the committee, and the only change was in the plank. A substitute was offered for the plank which caused a fight, but it was finally adopted. It provides that the Government issue money direct to the people, and for the free and unlimited exchange of gold and silver at the rate of 16 to 1.

**CHOLERA IN EGYPT.**

8,000 Deaths So Far and Many More Expected Before the Disease Is Over.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 31.—Advices received at the Marine hospital to-day from Alexandria, Egypt, show that the cholera outbreak there had got beyond the control of the sanitary authorities.

During the seven days up to the first instant 1,200 deaths were reported, and in the following six days 1,500 deaths. So far 8,000 deaths have occurred.

The Virginia to Arrive To-day.

BALTIMORE, MD., July 31.—The steamer Virginia, of the Baltimore Steam Packet Company's service between Richmond and Baltimore, has been fully repaired, and left Baltimore yesterday afternoon on time for Richmond, with a full cargo of freight and a number of passengers.

Many Baltimoreans are taking advantage of the extremely low rates made to visit the "City of the Hills," and the chances are that Richmond will have many visitors from the "Mona" during the week.

The Virginia River route. The Virginia is due to reach Richmond Saturday morning about 10 o'clock. General manager J. H. Sherwood and traffic manager E. W. Thompson will accompany the boat on its next trip. Although the Baltimore Steam Packet Co. has been somewhat embarrassed by the unfortunate accident, it has continued its service to Richmond, and it is evident that it means business, and as general manager Sherwood stated in an interview some time ago, "has come to stay."

**Coffee-Planting Not Profitable.**

WASHINGTON, July 31.—Consul Shaffer, at Vera Cruz, in a report to the State department on a new law placed by the Mexican legislature on coffee and tobacco planting, warns Americans against embarking in the coffee-raising industry, and cites figures. On land costing \$10 a site, it appears from his figures would cost over \$94 in four years to get \$93 in return.

He declares that the average annual product is nearer one half a pound per tree than three pounds as often stated.

**National Democratic Committee.**

OTTUMWA, IA., July 31.—Secretary Walsh, of the Democratic National Committee, by instruction of Chairman Jones, has sent out a call for a meeting of the National Democratic Committee at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York city on August 11th.

**Empowered to Pass.**

SEDLIA, VA., July 31.—The Populist State assembly died at 7 o'clock this evening after having nominated a State ticket and electing fifteen presidential electors. The State Convention was empowered to take the case of the Democrats on an equitable division of offices.

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He said: "I am one of these deserters to get them to get out of my way and let me fight the Democratic party. I understand some of them have even come to the National Republican Committee in New York, and informed them that I can't run this campaign without their co-operation. Well, I have been invited to go before that committee and though I had not intended going at first I am going now and when I go everything will be lovely and the goose will hang high."

**A Free-Silver Republican.**

WASHINGTON, July 31.—Special.—A Republican who to-day to the headquarters of the silver party, was E. D. Root, editor of the Winchester Leader, a Republican paper.

Mr. Root announces his conversion to free silver, and declares that Bryan would carry Virginia. He says that the white Republican farmers of the State are nearly all for silver, and many of them will vote the Democratic ticket.

**PRISON AGRICULTURE.**

How Farming Pays Under Favorable Conditions.

STATE FARM, VA., July 30.—Special.—Mr. A. J. Craven, superintendent of the Virginia State Farm, is to be congratulated upon the success he has met with in all of his undertakings this year among the various crops and other operations carried on here. Everyone has proven an entire success in the various crops, and exceedingly favorable for the last few weeks. So crops of all kinds show a noticeable improvement, and are now believed to be beyond the reach of harm from drought, and the promise is for a heavy crop. The trucking has been one of the most successful crops, being reported by Mr. C. H. Morse, who has a thorough knowledge of gardening. The potatoes are being dug, and are of a very fine quality. Harvesting of vegetables, such as early cabbage and tomatoes, is engaged in daily, and shipped to the prisoners in Richmond.

Ten thousand more late cabbage have been set out, now making a total of one hundred and twenty thousand. Melons are in abundance, which are hauled up by cartloads, and fed to the prisoners. The prettiest and most noticeable crop on the farm is the large field of peas, consisting of about three hundred acres, now broad, which are now perfectly level, and at a distance looks like an inland sea of emeralds.

The buildings are almost surrounded with corn, which keeps the atmosphere here in early morning and late evening perfumed with the sweet odor from the corn tassels and silks. The corn crib is nearly finished, and is on a very convenient order. The prison cell is rapidly approaching completion, and the underpinning on the barn is now being put up.

Mr. William Shaver, of London, and Mr. R. T. Penn, of Bedford county, reached the farm this week, where they will represent the Sixth and Eighth senatorial districts on the guard force here.

Miss Nora and Lottie Thomas, from Washington, are visiting their father, Mr. H. A. Thomas, of Bedford county.

Mr. Robert Knibb, who was stricken with a fever a few days since, is improving slightly.

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